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Agency Adjustment Summary

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AGENCY	# 59 - BOARD OF GEOLOGISTS

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	ADJUSTMENTS	
	2005-2006	2006-2007
Permanent F.T.E. Positions		
511100 Permanent Salaries - Wages		
511200 Temporary Salaries - Wages		
511600 Per Diem Payments		
511900 Supplemental (One-time payments)		
All Other Salaries		
Sub-Total Salaries	0	0
515100 Retirement Plans Expense		
515200 OASDI Expense		
515400 Life and Accident Insurance Expense		
515500 Health Insurance Expense		
All Other Personal Services		
Sub-Total Benefits	0	0
510000 Personal Services	0	0
520000 Operating Expenses	0	0
a/c # 554900 - Other Contractual services	27,000	0
570000 Travel Expenses		
580000 Capital Outlay		
590000 Government Aid		
Total Expense	27,000	0
Means of Financing		
General Fund		
Cash Fund	27,000	0
Federal Fund		
Revolving Fund		
Total Funding	27,000	0

Note: In the blank lines under Operating Expenses, itemize individual line items that comprise a significant portion of the Total Operating Expenses.

Program Adjustment Narrative

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REQUEST		

Provide the following information: A) Description of Request; B) Rationale for Request; C) Impact of Request; and, D) Statutory Change if Required.

Description of Request

The Nebraska Board of Geologists is requesting \$27,000 in additional funds for legislative aid in an effort to strike Nebraska Revised Statute § 81-3541 (I), which is a licensure exemption for work for which state approval or permitting is required (the exemption was attached to the Geologists Regulation Act in 1998 with LB1209). A large percentage of the geologic work in Nebraska is performed in association with programs involving state approval or permitting, and the Board feels that this exemption is not in keeping with the Act.

Rationale for Request

The Board believes that the present exemption in the Geologists Regulation Act is confusing and may limit the conditions under which an individual who is practicing geology could be required to be licensed. Therefore, it seems that this exemption is in direct conflict with the Act's stated intent of protecting the health and welfare of residents of the State of Nebraska. However, modifying the Act by striking the exemption would require a significant outreach effort to individuals and industries which might be affected. Since the Board is currently made up of practicing professionals and has the services of only one part-time paid employee, the Board considers it necessary to retain the services of a qualified individual to perform this outreach and coordination. The Board currently has \$6,000 in its biennial budget for contractual work which would likely be inadequate to retain legislative assistance.

In March 2005, LB544 eliminated Nebr. Rev. Statute §81-3538, which required public officials to accept plans, specifications, geologic maps or reports in accordance with the Geologists Regulation Act. In light of this legislation, the Board needs to address this issue before a situation occurs that inadvertently affects health, property and promotion of public welfare. A senator has expressed strong interest in assisting with legislation. Unfortunately, due to term limits, he will be leaving the legislature in 2006. It is important for the Board to work on legislative changes before the next biennial budget request.

Impact of Request

Approval of this request would allow the Board of Geologists to retain the services of a qualified individual who would have the time and ability to work with parties who would be affected by or interested in the proposed legislative changes outlined above. If the request is not approved, the current budget would probably not allow the Board to retain adequate services, and Board members and staff would not likely have the time or ability to perform the necessary outreach and coordination. This would mean that the proposed legislative revisions would not occur, and as already mentioned, the Board believes that this means a lower level of protection for the health and welfare of Nebraskans.

The Nebraska Board of Geologists currently has approximately \$50,000 in their cash fund. Since the Board's inception in 1999, the Board has been able to stay within budget and steadily increase their cash fund. The current request for additional expenditure authority represents a unique situation which is not anticipated to be repeated in the near future.

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	2005-2006	2006-2007	2005-2006	2006-2007
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511100 Permanent Salaries - Wages				
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511600 Per Diem Payments				
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All Other Salaries				
Sub-Total Salaries	0	0	0	0
515100 Retirement Plans Expense				
515200 OASDI Expense				
515400 Life and Accident Insurance Expense				
515500 Health Insurance Expense				
All Other Personal Services				
Sub-Total Benefits	0	0	0	0
510000 Personal Services	0	0	0	0
520000 Operating Expenses	25,425	26,095	0	0
554900 Other Contractual Ser			27,000	0
570000 Travel Expenses				
580000 Capital Outlay				
590000 Government Aid				
Total Expense	25,425	26,095	27,000	0
Means of Financing				
General Fund				
Cash Fund	25,425	26,095	27,000	0
Federal Fund				
Revolving Fund				
Total Funding	25,425	26,095	27,000	0

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